

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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The enlisted ranks of the naval infantry in ascending order were made up of personnel in the following grades:

- a. Private (Ryadovoy): the lowest grade in the naval infantry. His shoulder boards were black with a bronze button, imprinted with an anchor, near the neck. The fleet designation letters were painted on in yellow.
- b. Corporal (Yefreytor): his shoulder boards were similar to those of a "Ryadovoy" with the exception that one yellow stripe, about one-half inch wide and usually made of yellow cloth, paralleled the neck edge of the board between the button and the fleet designation letters.

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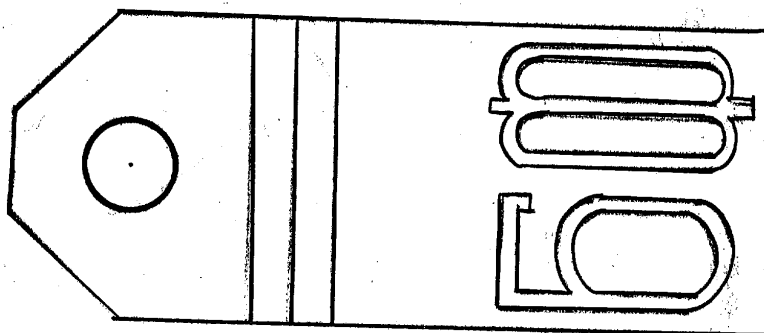
- c. Junior Sergeant (Mladshiy Serzhant): his shoulder boards were similar to those of the "Yefreytor", but with two yellow stripes instead of one.
- d. Sergeant (Serzhant): his shoulder boards were similar to those of the "Mladshiy Serzhant" but had three yellow stripes instead of two.
- e. Senior Sergeant (Starshiy Serzhant): his shoulder boards were similar to those of a "Ryadovoy", with the exception that on them was a broad yellow stripe of cloth approximately three-fourths of an inch wide.
- f. Master Sergeant (Starshina): The highest enlisted grade was that of "Starshina". His shoulder boards were similar to those of the "Starshiy Serzhant"; however, instead of a broad strip they bore a figure shaped like the letter "T". There was one "Starshina" assigned to each naval infantry company. The duties of the "Starshina" were of such a nature that at times he was considered by the enlisted men of the company more important than the company commander. He assigned the work details of the company, supervised the allotment of supplies to members of the company, and handed out punishment, whenever and to whomever he thought it necessary. His influence within the company was strongly felt and feared by the men.

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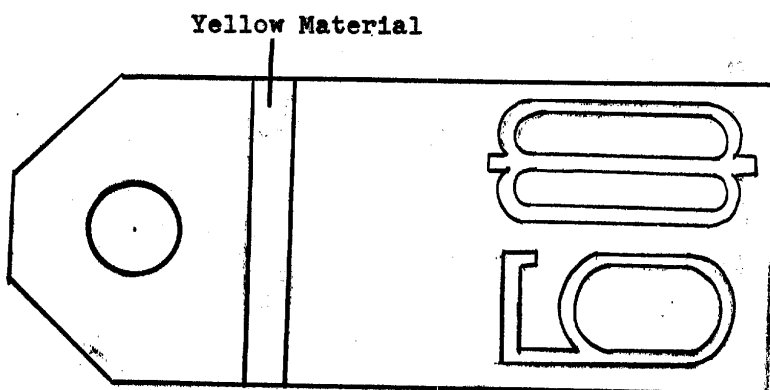
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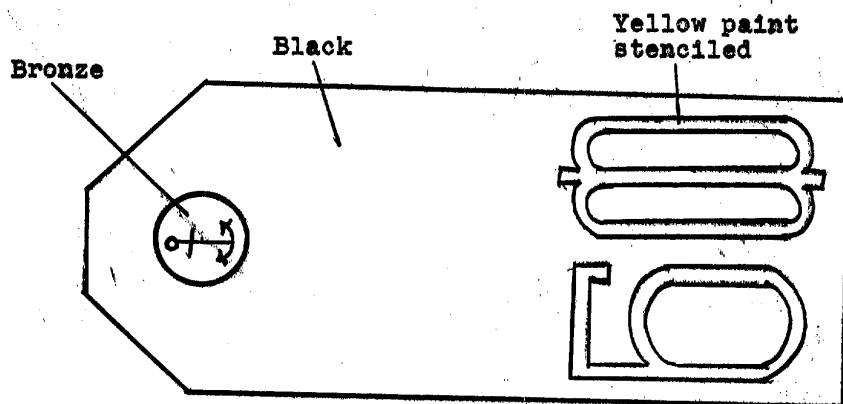


MLADSHIY SERZHANT



Yellow Material

YEFREYTOR



Bronze

Black

Yellow paint  
stenciled

RYADOVOY

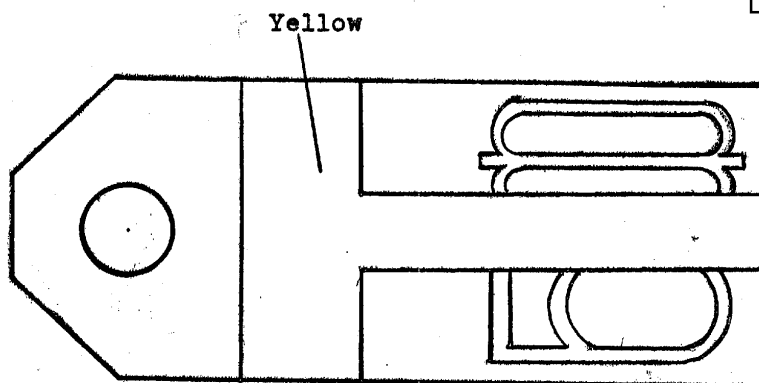
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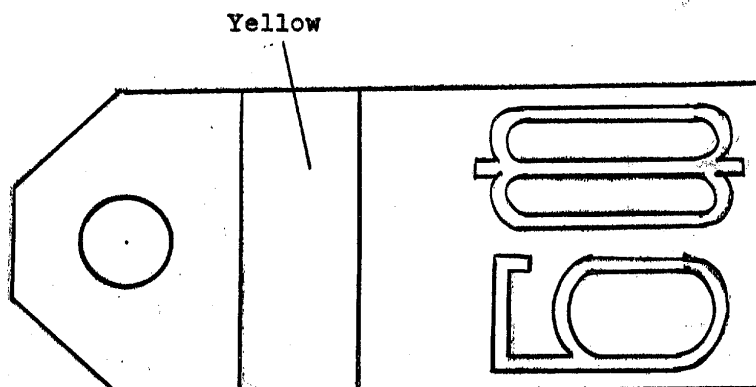
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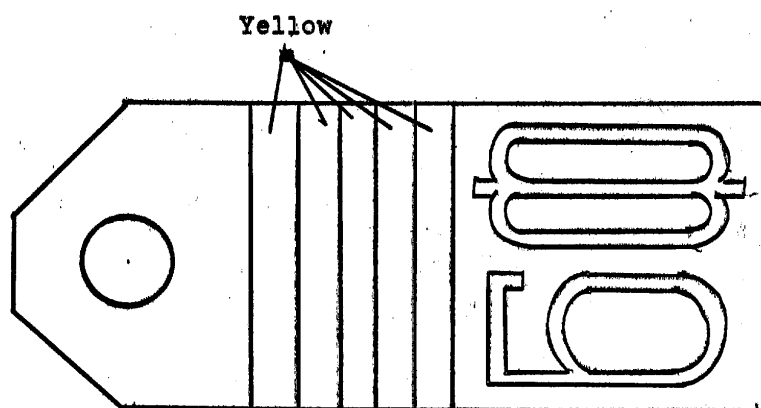
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